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## BRIGADIER GENERAL (SEL) ANDREW J. PELAK JR APPOINTED TO RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD

Secretary of Defense William Perry has announced the designation of Brigadier General (Sel) Andrew J. Pelak Jr. as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force as the Director, Military Personnel Policy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel.

The 22-member Reserve Force Policy Board was created by Congress in 1954. Acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the board serves as the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on reserve component matters. Members include the assistant secretary responsible for reserve affairs from each of the military departments, and active and reserve component general and flag officers representing all Services, including the Coast Guard.

General Pelak was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, May 1969. He graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1968 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He has served in many command positions.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal and Joint Service Achievement Medal.

General Pelak is married to the former Arlene A. Malacarne of O'Fallon, Illinois. They have three daughters, Shawn Marie, Kelly Patrice and Colleen Nicole.